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Overview

This bill increases MA reimbursement for mental health services provided by master-prepared professionals to the rate paid to doctoral-prepared professionals. The bill also requires managed care and county-based purchasing plans to pay mental health providers at a level at least equal to the fee-for-service rate, and provides a rate increase for mental health services provided on or after January 1, 2018.

Section

- 1** **Payments for mental health services.** Amends § 256B.0625, subd. 38. Strikes language that limits MA reimbursement for mental health services provided by a masters-prepared mental health professional to 80 percent of the rate paid to doctoral-prepared professionals.
- 2** **Reimbursement for mental health services.** Amends § 256B.761. Paragraph (e) requires managed care and county-based purchasing plans, effective January 1, 2018, to reimburse mental health service providers at amounts at least equal to the fee-for-service payment for the same service. Requires the commissioner to monitor the effect of this requirement on access to mental health services and mental health inpatient hospitalization rates.

Paragraph (f) increases payment rates for mental health services other than psychiatric services by 10 percent, and increases payment rates for psychiatric services by 20 percent, effective for services provided on or after January 1, 2018. Excludes federally qualified health centers, rural health centers, Indian health services, certified community behavioral health centers, cost-based rates, and rates negotiated with the county from this increase.